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December 5, 2007

TO:

Senate Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues and Long Term Care

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FROM:

Katie Plona, DHFS legislative liaison

RE:

DHFS Law Revision bills

Good morning. I'm Katie Plona, legislative liaison for the Department of Health and Family Services. Senator Carpenter and committee members, thank you, thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of three bills the Legislative Council Special Committee on Law Revision introduced on the Department's behalf – Senate Bills 325, 327 and 328.

Senate Bill 325

SB 325 makes a technical correction to state statute that governs the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, known as ADAP. ADAP reimburses pharmacies for the cost of certain medications used in the treatment of HIV for qualified low-income individuals. Currently, the statute references the operations appropriation for federal funds that ADAP uses when it should reference the federal aid appropriation. SB 325 would amend the statue to reference the correct appropriation.

This bill changes nothing about the program from the consumer's perspective, and the Department would like to correct the statute so that the spending authority and the actual spending practices are in agreement.

Senate Bill 327

SB 327 changes the term "lead inspection" to "lead investigation" throughout the statutes and deletes an obsolete date. The purpose of this language change is to be consistent with federal language, state rule language and definitions within the lead industry. The word "investigation" is broader in scope than inspection, which has a specific narrow definition in federal and state lead rules and as used in the regulated lead industry. The word "investigation" encompasses lead inspection, lead risk assessment and lead clearance activities. The word "inspection" was used in state statutes before federal regulations were published to provide a narrower definition for the term.

Senate Bill 328

SB 328 would allow the Division of Quality Assurance to communicate survey results to DQA regulated facilities in a means other than certified mail, creating a potential for cost savings and ensures more timely delivery of information to providers. Many providers have requested to receive a Statement of Deficiency and to submit plans of correction via electronically. The federal government is also exploring electronic means for communicating survey findings. The current state statute is an obstacle to that process.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in favor of these bills. I'm happy to answer any questions that committee members have.